

21st June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Expeditions 2021

I am writing with the fantastic news that we are now finally getting the plans in place for your son/daughter to complete their Gold DofE practice expedition. The plan is to complete a practice expedition on Dartmoor, leaving at 4pm on Monday 12th July after the school day has finished. The teams will camp at the Bundu campsite at Sourton, near Okehampton and they will have an evening meal at the weatherspoons on Monday evening so we know they are well fed to start with. They will then complete a three day expedition, where they will follow routes they have planned. They will wild camp for the next two nights.

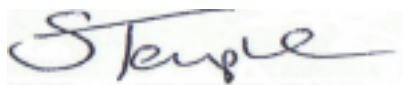
The cost of the practice expedition this year will be £120 per student. This will cover insurance, travel costs, a meal on the Monday evening, cooking gas, campsite fees, a Gold DofE team fleece, a meal at Burger King at Exeter services on the way home and other administration costs. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the expedition, then please go to the school website, where you will need to complete the electronic Parental Consent form, in the 'Parents Information' section under Gold DofE Expedition Parental Consent Form. As we are now a cashless Academy, payment for the expedition fee can be made using the sims pay website: [www.sims-pay.co.uk](http://www.sims-pay.co.uk). This can be found in the Fees and Subs section under DofE Gold Expedition. If you have any issues using this method, please email Mrs. Harris at school for advice - [kharris@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:kharris@budmouth-aspirations.org) or via BACS if the sims-pay is unavailable. Account Name: Aspirations Academies Trust (Lloyds Bank), Sort Code: 30-98-62, Account Number: 21471968 Example Ref - BUDGfoodsmith (Bud Good Food surname).

Students will need to be self-sufficient for all their needs on this expedition, so may wish to order wayfarer food. They will need 3 breakfasts and 2 main meals and 1 extra main meal for their emergency food packet, which they can use for both the practice and assessed expeditions. Therefore a total of 6 meals. I will be giving out paper food order forms, as there are so many choices of meals, however there is an electronic food order payment form on the Budmouth website as well, Gold DofE Expedition Food Order, where you can add how many meals you wish to buy and pay for them using the same method as the expedition fee.

For your information the dates for the planned assessed Gold expedition are as follows; leave Budmouth at 4pm on Thursday 16th September, with the actual qualifying expedition taking place on Friday 17th to Monday 20th September.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award then you can contact me at Budmouth on 01305 830514 or email me at [stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org) or go to the Award website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) to find out more information.

Yours sincerely



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